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Dear Sirs and Madame

I am writing in regards to Docket No. 99P0485.

The idea of consumers being unwittingly dosed with antibiotics by eating chicken, pork, or beef is really scary. Most people assume that inspection stamps ensure quality, that the meat is safe and healthy. Since all consumers cannot be aware of all such pitfalls and no consumer is given adequate labeling to avoid such practices, the FDA has the responsibility to guard against such exposure.

The idea that livestock is routinely fed <u>any</u> antibodics, let alone those used in human medicine, to counteract crowding and poor hygiene strikes me as ludicrous. Seems to me that correcting the poor conditions is the solution. Exposing me to unwanted substances in a basic food in lieu of good farming practices is not acceptable.

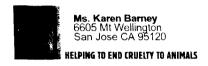
Please do all you can to protect me by keeping antibiotics out of my food!

Very truly yours,

Karen Barney

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